

WORKS IN INTEREST OF VERMONT CHILDREN

Miss Josephine Webster, With Ten Years of Practical Experience, Establishes Headquarters in Burlington as General Secretary of Aid Society

Vermont now has a full-time worker solely in the interests of children. Miss Josephine Webster, who has had nearly 20 years of practical experience in child welfare and social reconstruction work, has arrived in Burlington and begun her duties as general secretary and field worker of the Vermont Children's Aid Society. Miss Webster has established headquarters at the University of Vermont Medical College, room 20. She will spend much time going about the State in connection with the task which the Children's Aid Society plans to take upon itself.

Organization of the framework of the society in Vermont has already been started by Professor A. R. Gifford of this city, who heads up the work for Vermont. Committees are being appointed in each county to take general charge of the local work in that county, so that Miss Webster will have some definite organization through which to work whenever she visits each community. The list of committees for the State is not yet complete, but will probably be finished in the near future.

Duplication of efforts in the work of this society with other societies will be avoided. It being felt that there is work enough for all, and the Vermont Children's Aid Society will have a specific kind of work to do. The society will co-operate with other existing societies, including the State board of charities, the Red Cross civilian relief, the State Board of Health, and other organizations which are doing relief work for children. Working together with these societies, it is felt that much can be accomplished.

It is planned to hold a conference of the leaders in the child welfare movement in Vermont on December 4 in this city. It is probable that representatives of the State board of charities will meet with the officers and field workers of the Vermont Children's Aid Society, and it is expected that Miss Marion Rowe, field supervisor for the home service section of the Red Cross in Vermont, will also be present. Miss Rowe is connected with the headquarters office of the New England division of the Red Cross, in Boston.

At this meeting, a more comprehensive program will be outlined than has been laid out thus far. During the next few days, before this meeting is held, Miss Webster will travel somewhat in the southern part of the State in order to get better acquainted with the needs of Vermont. Miss Webster has had considerable experience with welfare work in the mountain regions of Kentucky, so that rural problems are new to her.

Miss Webster states that the first work to be emphasized by the Vermont Children's Aid Society is to help needy families, in worthy cases, to take care of their children, so that the children will not have to be taken from their homes. It is an established fact that the children who can be brought up in their own homes are much better off than those who are taken out of their homes and placed elsewhere. Every child needs the home life, and it should be obtained in its own home in preference to any other home.

It will be the attempt of the Vermont Children's Aid Society, therefore, to first help needy families to help themselves, in order that they may be able to take proper care of their own children. Children will be taken from their homes only as a last resort, where it is found that the parents are not competent to take care of the children, or will not do so.

In cases where children have been left without parents, or where the parents are manifestly unfit to care for the children, the society will try to find proper homes for the little ones. This is a more delicate task than it might seem at first thought. Not only must homes be found for the children, but there must also be considerable care in placing children, but in placing the children in these homes, it is very necessary that each child should be in a fit condition physically and mentally to go into a good home, and it is just as necessary for the welfare of both the child and the family, that the child should go to the family. This work of selection and preparation to place children for the new homes is probably the most important part of the task which is before Miss Webster, as she sees it.

The hearty support of the people of Vermont in carrying on this work is not only a matter of money, but of interest and willingness to spend a little time and help out a bit, according to Miss Webster. What is needed first is people who are willing to help in preparing the needy children for their foster homes.

In many places, people of means have made a practice of taking in children and helping to accustom them to the good homes into which they are going, training them in the ways of good home life. To many it is a pleasure to see the small life which has been denied the home influence, respond to kind treatment and blossom out into normal healthy childhood under the influence of real home life.

Then, also, Miss Webster needs the co-operation of families who will board children for a certain length of time until foster homes can be found for them. Families willing to help and with good home life, but not feeling that they could afford to take care of children without some financial consideration. Such families can help, but there should be some day money for the care of the child, and consideration in mind, of such families will not be of the most help to the child. Although the Vermont Children's Aid Society will be willing to pay in such cases, it will insist that there be the right spirit of helpfulness and love for the children. In order that the best results may follow. Then, finally, the society needs the hearty co-operation of families who want to take children and adopt them. It is felt that there must be many such homes in Vermont, some of them childless homes, which could be made much happier by the presence of children, and in which the children would find real happiness and the opportunity for reaching the better things of life. Miss Webster hopes that many such families will be found in the State, a sufficient number at least to take care of the children who may need the homes.

THE OLD SEASON
A young Swede in South Dakota, who had been sent out to collect bills for the general store, returned with this report: "Yon Brown, he say he pay when he sell his wheat, he Ole Olson, he say he pay when he sell his corn, he say he pay when he sell his hay in January." "In January?" repeated the proprietor, surprised. "Why, he never set a date before. Are you sure he said January?" "Well, Ay tank ti bane January. He say it bane dam cold day when you set your money."—American Legion Weekly.

Mother's Coughs and Colds Go Quickly
She cannot afford to be sick and neglect her household duties. At the first symptoms she prepares the way for quick recovery by the immediate use of Gray's Syrup—a household preparation of sixty years standing.

GRAY'S SYRUP
RED SPRUCE GUM

TEACHER TRAINING AT THE UNIVERSITY

Needs of Elementary Rural Schools to Receive Earliest Attention, but Courses Are to Be Broadened so as to Furnish Superintendents

At a meeting of the faculties of the four colleges of the University of Vermont, held late Friday afternoon, final action was taken which enables the university to offer new and much-needed opportunities for teacher training. For the next two years the College of Agriculture has been training teachers of agriculture and home economics under the authority of a national law known as the Smith-Lever act. These new courses will enlarge the field of teacher training work.

The shortage of teachers, particularly in the rural schools, affords an opportunity for the university to render service to the State by training teachers for elementary schools as well as high schools. Attention was called to the need in the address delivered by Acting President Bailey at the opening of the college year.

While this work will be arranged primarily for elementary and junior high school teachers, ample opportunity will be afforded for training candidates for positions in village and city schools. Abundant facilities for observation and practice teaching are available, both in Burlington and in nearby village and rural schools. The courses are so arranged that a student taking the first year's work will have fulfilled the requirements for a probationary certificate in the State of Vermont.

The new courses will be four-year courses and will lead to the degree of bachelor of science in education. The entrance requirements will be identical with those already in force. Since students at the end of two years may drop out to take up work as teachers, it is believed that these courses will open the way for many to go to college who otherwise could not do so. Furthermore, those who withdraw after a year or two work, having to earn money by teaching, can return to college, complete their work and secure their degrees.

While the needs of the elementary rural schools are expected to be developed and broader in scope, so that training will begin, not only to elementary and high school teachers, but also to school supervisors and superintendents. The university will soon issue a bulletin, giving the details concerning these other courses offered in the college of agriculture.

The university authorities recently purchased a very valuable site at the corner of College and South Prospect streets and directly fronting the campus. This property is now used as a dormitory for college women, but it has been suggested that this would make an ideal location for a building for the training of teachers and tentative plans are now being considered for such a building, which, when erected, will be one of the best of its kind in New England.

THE FARMER'S GREAT WEALTH
More than half of the total population of the United States—53.8 per cent.—is exact—rural. Sixty billions of dollars is invested in the agricultural industry, and agriculture does a business of \$11,000,000,000 annually. The American farmer is a capitalist in capital letters. Several million farms employ 33 per cent. of the total population and it is well to bear in mind that the wealth created from these farms is nearly actually added to the sum total of the nation's capital. Last year the farmers of this country cut a \$2,000,000,000 more, as the farmer gets his living besides—Ex-Change.

You may sell that used office furniture at a fair price through the classified.

WOMAN'S NERVES MADE STRONG

By Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Winona, Minn.—"I suffered for more than a year from nervousness, and was so bad that I could not sleep at night. I would lie awake and get so nervous I would have to get up and walk around in the morning. I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and thought I would try it. My nervousness soon left me. I sleep well and feel fine in the morning and able to do my work. I gladly recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to make weak nerves strong."—Mrs. ALBERT SUTZ, 603 Olmstead St., Winona, Minn.

How often do we hear the expression among women, "I am so nervous I can't sleep," or "It seems as though I should fly." Such women should profit by Mrs. Sutz's experience and give this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a trial.

TUBERCULOSIS DRIVE PUT OFF UNTIL SPRING

Committee Decides That Probable Condition of Vermont Roads in December Would Make Organization Impossible—Sale of Seals Will Go on

The \$50,000 drive against tuberculosis, which was scheduled to start December 1, was postponed until next spring, the meeting held Friday at the Hotel Vermont at which F. A. Howland, R. W. Stocum, T. W. Gurney, Thomas Magner, H. H. Hickok and others chiefly interested in the drive were present. The drive has been postponed for various reasons, but that will not in any way influence the sale of Red Cross seals.

The Red Cross Christmas seals which for a number of years have raised funds to finance nation-wide work against tuberculosis will be on sale throughout the United States next week. In Vermont the proceeds from the sale will be used, as formerly, to support the work of the Vermont Tuberculosis association.

From the pennies, dimes, quarters and dollars received from the Red Cross Christmas seals the Vermont Tuberculosis association has equipped and conducted a preventive clinic at Essex Center, has enlisted thousands of children in the modern health crusade, placed a visiting nurse in the State and helped hundreds of sufferers from tuberculosis. The association feels that the time has come now for it to greatly enlarge its activities, that it is necessary to go out in the State and find every case of tuberculosis that is a menace to the health of others, every incipient case that through ignorance is losing the chance of arresting the disease, and every child that is exposed to tuberculosis in its home.

To finance this work it is necessary. Most every State in the Union has planned to supplement the sale of Christmas seals with a drive for funds to fight tuberculosis. Vermont was organized to raise \$50,000. Fred A. Howland of Montpelier was appointed State chairman and has appointed county chairmen. However, as the work of organizing for the drive continued, the most interested felt that the first of December was the worst possible time for Vermont, because the condition of the roads would make it impossible to go out in the State and find every case of tuberculosis.

It was felt that this drive was so important, as it will doubtless be the means of saving many lives from tuberculosis, that no chances should be taken. Moreover, it is planned to spend a large proportion of the funds in the districts where they are raised and if some districts, for reasons beyond their control, cannot properly organize at this time to raise their quota the work in those districts could not be done.

Therefore, it has been decided to postpone the drive to raise \$50,000 to fight tuberculosis until May or June, the definite date to be announced soon, and to place the Red Cross Christmas seals on sale for the sake of keeping up the present work of the association until that time.

In order that the broader program may not be delayed by this postponement, health nurses will be appointed and given special training for tuberculosis work, district associations organized in each of the ten health districts and a doctor and nurse to attend the State School for Tuberculosis. Experts in order that the ten health districts and a doctor and nurse to attend the State School for Tuberculosis. Experts in order that the ten health districts and a doctor and nurse to attend the State School for Tuberculosis.

HUSTLING COLLEGIANS
Extra Edition of Cynic on Streets After Big Football Game

Some decidedly live newsmen were keeping the echoes ringing on Church street Saturday night with cries of "Vermont Cynic—all about the Middlebury game! get your copy now before the supply runs out."—Ex-Change.

Perley J. F. Hill, editor-in-chief of the Cynic, marshaled his special writers, his photographic staff and stationed them on the field with typewriters and cameras, where the special writers worked at top speed taking the drama of the game play by play, and preparing copy for the press. The moment the last play was finished, the story of the game was rushed to the Free Press job room, where the Cynic is printed and where members of the Free Press job force had agreed to work overtime to get out the extra edition.

Within an hour after the close of the game, it was in type, together with the St. Michaels-Vermont second game, and these stories were filed into blank space on the first and last pages of the college paper and the extra edition went to press. By seven o'clock the first copies of the extra were on the street, and people were snapping them up like hot cakes to get the story of the game.

Thus, through the enterprise of the college boys and the willingness on the part of the Free Press job force to work overtime, an innovation in the news game of Burlington was placed before the public.

BREAKING THE SET
The lady district visitor was trying to get friendly with little Johnny. "Do you think your mamma would let me buy you, Johnny?" she asked. "Buy me what? An airgun?" asked Johnny quickly. "No! No!" laughed the district visitor. "Would she let me buy you from her and take you away with me?" "She might," replied Johnny. "But I'm afraid you haven't got enough money." "Well, about how much do you think she would ask for you?" "A thousand pounds," promptly answered Johnny. "Oh, but that seems an awful lot of money!" expostulated the lady. "Are you quite sure, you're worth as much as that?" "Well, p'raps not," admitted Johnny. "But you see, there's six of us, and if my mummy sold me I'd break the set."—London Tit-Bits.

Beautiful Women of Society, during the past seventy years have relied upon it for their distinguished appearance. The soft, refined, pearly white complexion it renders instantly, is always the source of flattering comment.

Gouraud's Oriental Cream
GOURAUD'S ORIENTAL CREAM
GOURAUD'S ORIENTAL CREAM
GOURAUD'S ORIENTAL CREAM

BIG FERRY BOAT TO BE BUILT FOR LAKE

\$25,000 Craft to Form Link in Roosevelt Highway Route Between Plattsburgh and Grand Isle—Will Be the Largest Boat of Its Kind on the Lake

Lake Champlain is to be traversed by another boat which is to form an important part of the Roosevelt highway. Plans have been approved by the local board of United States steamboat inspectors for the construction of a ferry boat which will be the largest plying the lake. The length is given as 112 feet and five inches over all.

The company which is to finance the proposition is the one which owned the "Kittery" and sold here a year ago. They at that time operated between Gordon's Landing and Plattsburgh and it is understood that will be the route next summer, for it is intended to have the boat complete by that time.

The steamer will bear the lettering "Roosevelt Grand Isle Ferry" Highway on its sides. The boat is to be propelled by oil and will be stern screw, single end. Her beam will be 21 feet and her capacity 20 automobiles. Her depth will be seven feet, three inches, and the draught two feet, and inch. The gross tonnage will be 103.65 and the net tonnage 55.6. The cost will be near \$25,000. The naval architects were Dwight & Simpson of Saranac Lake.

W. W. Corbin, president of the Grand Isle ferry company, is at the head of this proposition and has expressed a desire to get matters along so the contracts for the work of construction can be let by the first of next month.

The boat will be constructed of yellow pine and will have both longitudinal and transverse bulkheads which will add to the safety of the boat in case water is let into a part of the hull. The pilot house will be in the middle of the boat and will be built, probably, so the automobiles can pass under it.

SHORT AND SHARP
With simplions content, to pay, high cost of living's here to stay!—Baltimore American.

The first anniversary of Armistice day finds the Junkers in the United States trying to carry on the work the Junkers of Germany laid down a year ago.—Raleigh News and Observer.

If the \$10 a plate dinner given to the Prince of Wales' grandfather in New York in 1860 would now cost \$30 a plate, why not serve it again as a special compliment?—Springfield Republican.

When the miners said: "We cannot fight our government," they put into new words the fundamental and eternal fact that no class of Americans can rule all classes of Americans.—Baltimore Sun.

The House voted 300 to 1 in favor of barring Mr. Berger. The minority (Mr. Voight of Shelbyville, Wis.) was born in Germany.—Cleveland News.

The best joke of the season is the arrangement of the State Interstate commerce committee for the distribution of the excess earnings of railroads.—Raleigh Times.

HUNTERS WANT STATE TO PURCHASE ESTUARY

Members of Fish and Game League Believe Mouth of Lamolille River Would Be Ideal Place for Breeding of Water Fowl and Shore Birds

The annual meeting of the Vermont Fish and Game League was held Monday night at the Hotel Vermont with an attendance of leading sportsmen from all parts of the State. The object of the meeting was to discuss the purchase of the estuary at the mouth of the Lamolille river for the purpose of breeding game birds, and the holding of a three days' sportsmen's meeting next summer in some part of Vermont.

The meeting also took steps to get what they were after and a legislative committee was appointed to look after that end of it. The sentiment of the meeting was that the shooting in the State should come in for a share of the benefits derived from the activities of the organization, as well as the fishermen, who have had a lot done for them in the past few years.

Lester H. Green of Montpelier was elected president of the organization for the ensuing year, with Dr. H. L. Paché of Burlington secretary, and Charles F. Lowe of Montpelier treasurer. The vice-presidents are: W. R. Warner of Vergennes, S. B. Hawkes of Bennington, D. A. Loomis of Burlington, J. Gregory Smith of St. Albans, M. R. Proctor of Proctor, R. L. Patrick of Burlington, Edward Connell of Northfield, H. L. Hatch of Randolph, C. S. Webster of Barton, Charles Gale of Rutland, Fred L. Winn of Montpelier, H. C. Rice of Brattleboro and G. O. Gridley of Windsor.

The executive committee will consist of Robert F. Pinney of Middlebury, Edward Greenleaf of Bennington, Gilbert Wood of St. Johnsbury, L. P. Wood of Burlington, H. D. Marshall of Canaan, D. M. Tobin of Swanton, Juan Robinson of Grand Isle and Walter M. Sargent of Morrisville. The legislative committee, which was appointed by the chairman, will consist of the president, William H. Bradford of Bennington, Dr. H. L. Paché of Burlington, G. O. Gridley of Windsor and Harry D. Marshall of Canaan.

The motion favoring the purchase of the preserve at the mouth of the Lamolille river was heartily approved by all and its feasibility was discussed by men from all parts of the State. The legislative committee will be active in furthering the cause.

Dr. H. L. Paché, in discussing legislation, said that in the past interested sportsmen had gone to Montpelier a day or two before a bill was brought up, but they had no time to acquaint the legislators with the situation. He favored a committee being put on the job, and incidentally he made known his stand regarding the closed season on grouse, which he thought should never have been brought about. The grouse did not suffer to any extent from the shooting, but from climatic conditions and depredations of vermin. He also favored the propagation of pheasants. He strongly favored the establishment of the preserve, L. P. Wood and S. B. Hawkes of Bennington thought that little had been done for the hunters while fisheries had been established for fishermen and excellent sport furnished them. He developed in the discussion that the property desired could be purchased for less than \$10,000. Options on the holdings already in the possession of the fish and game commissioner, who already has an option on the property, would be favorable to the purchase, according to the statement of those present. The trapping privileges should more than pay for the sustaining of such a plant as is contemplated.

R. L. Patrick made the motion instructing the president of the league and the fish and game commissioner to arrange for the three days' sportsmen's convention, to be held in conjunction with the State trap shooters' convention, the Green Mountain club and the Audubon society. In the program will be trap shooting, the Allen and the other end of the mountain on subjects of interest to sportsmen. One feature would be something of interest to the children by way of educating them to care for the birds.

Among those present were Linus Leavens of Cambridge, H. N. Rowley of Shelburne, H. W. McCuen of Vergennes, Charles F. Lowe of Montpelier, C. M. Carpenter of Brandon, Lester H. Green of Montpelier, S. H. Thompson of Milton, Edward Connell of Northfield, S. B. Hawkes of Bennington and others.

GOLDEN WEDDING
Mr. and Mrs. Emory C. Mower Celebrate Anniversary With Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Emory C. Mower celebrated their fiftieth anniversary in a quiet manner at their home Tuesday. A number of old friends called during the afternoon and in the evening they were given a dinner by the immediate family in honor of the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. E. Douglas Mower arrived Saturday evening from their home in Yakima, Wash., to be here for the weekend and will visit here until after the holidays.

JUST HUNGRY
"You poor boy!" said the visitor after watching little Tommy eat his dinner. "You're starved, aren't you?" "No," said Tommy, according to the Windsor Magazine, "I'm always starved before my dinner, but after I've had my dinner I'm only just hungry."

Don't Trust To Luck
You may be lucky or you may not. A fire can quickly wipe out your property. An accident permanently disable you, or death may find your family unprovided for. Insurance is too cheap now-a-days to take such chances. See us about any kind of insurance it will be a real pleasure to us to answer your questions.

The T. S. Peck Insurance Agency
Burlington, Vt.

A Pair of Shoes

The other day a farmer came to town with a small calf-skin. "It'll buy us shoes and stockings at least," said he. But it didn't! It wouldn't even pay for a pair of shoes for his small boy! Yet some folks blame the farmer for the high cost of shoes and things!

The COUNTRY GENTLEMAN

is trying to beat it into the heads of some of our green city economists that the farmer isn't getting any more than a fair return—if he gets that.

He is a capitalist—an employer of labor—but without enough organization to control his markets. When labor cuts hours and at the same time production—the farmer suffers because he produces the raw materials of manufacture. And when labor boosts wages—and prices—the farmer suffers by having to pay more for factory goods. The one big voice that is speaking constantly for the farmer these days is THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN. Are you reading it? If you're "from Missouri!" and want to be shown—let me show you. For 52 issues of this great weekly you pay me only \$1—yet they save you \$100.

A WHOLE YEAR—52 BIG ISSUES—\$1

Robert H. Farr
83 N. UNION ST.
Phone No. 628-W. Burlington

An authorized subscription representative of:
The Country Gentleman The Ladies Home Journal The Saturday Evening Post
52 issues—\$1.00 12 issues—\$1.75 52 issues—\$2.00

\$10,000 MAUSOLEUM AT LAKE VIEW CEMETERY BUILDING DECREASES AS COST INCREASES

Structure, Nearly Completed, Will Contain Body of George H. Allen of New York and So. Burlington, Who Died Last Spring

One of the most beautiful mausoleums in Vermont, made of Vermont granite and Vermont marble, and costing, it is said, \$10,000, is nearly completed at Lake View cemetery. It will be the last resting place of George H. Allen, whose death occurred last April 2 at his winter home in New York as he was preparing to come to his summer home south of this city.

The body of Mr. Allen has been in the vault at Woodlawn cemetery, Brooklyn, pending the building of the mausoleum here, but arrived in the city early Friday morning, accompanied by his son, George Marshall Allen. The body was taken to the funeral parlors of Corbin & Frye, and placed in the crypt in the mausoleum during the afternoon.

The outside of the mausoleum is granite, the interior polished white marble. The roof is in two huge granite pieces. The exterior is about 15 by 15 feet, with a crypt on either side of the door, one for the body of Mr. Allen, the other for the body of Mrs. Allen, when her death occurs.

The door is of solid bronze, grated and above embedded in granite is the name of George Marshall Allen. Opposite the door at the other end of the mausoleum is a beautiful stained leaded glass window. The architects who designed the mausoleum are Stone & company of New York city.

DEATH OF LAST MEMBER OF MORRILL FAMILY GROUP
The funeral of Miss Louise Swann, who died on Thursday, November 13, at her home in Washington, D. C., was held at the Congregational Church in St. Albans Nov. 16 at 2:30 p. m., the Rev. H. L. Thornton of White River Junction officiating.

Louise Sophia Swann was born March 11, 1831, in South Easton, Mass. She had five brothers, one of whom survives, and a half-sister, the late Mrs. Justin S. Morrill of Washington, D. C., in whose family she had lived for many years. Owing to the chronic invalidism of Mrs. Morrill, and her consequent inability to administer the economic and social affairs of her home, Miss Swann, by her many social graces and executive ability, filled a large place in the household. The family spent their summers at their place in Stratford, and although for some years the last surviving member of the family group, she had continued to come from her Washington home each year to spend the months from June to November in Vermont.

The remains were placed in the Justin S. Morrill mausoleum in the Stratford cemetery. A funeral service also was held at the Washington home each year to the removal of the body.

WILL NOT BE CLOSED
Marine Recruiting Station to Remain Open for the Present

Sergeant Frank Anderson, who is in charge of the local marine recruiting station, received a long distance call from Portland Friday in which Major Headley, officer in charge of the New England marine recruiting district gave official notice that the marine recruiting station in Burlington will not be closed for the present, as has been previously announced.

Later in the day, Sergeant Anderson received a telegram from Major Headley, which read as follows:

"Battalion being organized at Philadelphia for duty at Haiti and San Domingo. This battalion sails about December 10. Authorized to accept volunteers from marine corps or men with sufficient army service for this battalion. Emphasize chance for definite duty and active service in West Indies."

Sergeant Anderson has seen service in the West Indies and states that the climate there is excellent at this time of year.

BRANCH IN BARRE
Wells & Richardson Company to Install New Packing House There

The Wells & Richardson Co., Inc., is to install a new packing house in Barre about the first of next month. As soon as changes are made in the quarters leased there in the Otis building, and sufficient help engaged, the company will start putting dyes into packages for shipment.

The stock is to be shipped from the manufacturing plant in this city for packing at the branch house. The company has leased the double store in the Otis block on Pearl street and changes are already under way of construction.

MISPLACED SYMPATHY
Jimmie: "We had a bad winter, no skating." His Mamma: "It was a blessing to the poor, Jimmie."

Jimmie: "It was a blessing! Why, poor kids like to skate just as much as anybody."—Detroit News.